

Electrochemical amination: IX.1 effectiveness of the process

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Abstract

Electrochemical amination of aromatic compounds with hydroxylamine in sulfuric acid in the presence of transition metal ions occurs by a chain mechanism. Electrolysis of the system Ti(IV)-NH₂OH-C₆H₆ in 11 M H₂SO₄ and 5 M CH₃COOH leads to formation of aniline and isomeric phenylenediamines with a total current yield of 137%. The role of acetic acid in the electrochemical process is not limited to aiding in solution of the aromatic compound. Acetic acid affects the mechanism of amination and can serve as one of the factors controlling the relative rate and selectivity of substitution.

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